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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: A. Jamal
NOBUHIRO IKEDA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2614
Application No.: 09/977,701	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 3756
Filed: October 16, 2001	)	
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For: CENTRAL MANAGEMENT	)	
SYSTEM FOR PERIPHERAL	:	
APPARATUS	)	September 6, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND  
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request For Continued Examination has been filed, and in response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2007, the period for reply to which having been extended to September 30, 2007 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, and in view of the Advisory Action dated August 3, 2007, please amend the application as follows.